AN ORDINANCE OF THE Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament,

For the better maintaining of the Forces in the seven associated Counties under the command of *Edward* Earle of *Manchester*; by such a weekly assessement upon the said severall Counties as herein is expressed, to continue for foure moneths longer, beginning this present May, 1644.

Die Lunæ, 13 Maii. 1644.

Ordered by the Lords in Parliament Assembled that this Ordinance shall be forthwith printed and published. Jo. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

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An Ordinance of the LORDS and COMMONS assembled in Parliament,

For the maintaining of the Forces of the seven associated Counties under the command of *Edward* Earle of Manchester.

WHereas the Counties of Norfolke, Suffolke, Essex, Lincolne, and the other Counties with them associated, out of their loyall respect to his Majestie, their pious disposition to the Peace and Happinesse of this Kingdome, in obedience to the orders of Parliament have raised and maintained to the number of fourteen thousand Horse, Foot, and Dragoons, or thereabouts, and with them within five moneths last past have done many services against the common Enemy, tending much to the safety of the Kingdome, and intend to raise a far more

conſiderable force both of Horſe and Foot, and have alſo bought many Armes, and Ammunition, and muſt buy more, whereby to furniſh themſelves with a traine of Artillery, and have beene and muſt bee at great charges in maintaining and recruting the ſaid Forces, and in keeping ſeverall Garriſons, making and erecting of Fortifications, Magazines, Courts of Guard, and other things requiſite and neceſſary for the defence and ſafety of the ſaid Aſſociation againſt the incurſions of the enemy; By all which meanes the ſaid Aſſociation is become much indebted, and without the ſpeedy raiſing of large and conſiderable ſummes of money proportionable to their vaſt expences, cannot long ſubſiſt in a condition to keep themſelves from ruine, and to advance the publike ſafety.

It is thereupon ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, and by authority of the ſame, That for the intents and purpoſes aforeſaid, the ſeverall weekly ſummes of Money hereafter in this Ordinance mentioned, ſhall be charged, rated, taxed, and levied upon the ſeverall Counties according to the proportions herein expreſſed, the ſame be payed in weekly to the ſeverall Collectors, and by them to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers appointed by this Ordinance for the receiving hereof; that is to ſay,

Upon the County of Eſſex the weekly ſumme of one thouſand ſix hundred eighty ſeven pounds ten ſhillings.

Upon the County of Suffolke the weekly ſumme of one thouſand eight hundred ſeventy five pounds.

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Upon the County of Norfolke and City of Norwich, the weekly ſumme of one thouſand eight hundred ſeventy five pounds.

Upon the County of Hertford the weekly ſumme of ſix hundred ſeventy five pounds.

Upon the County of Cambridge the weekly ſumme of five hundred ſixty two pounds ten ſhillings.

Upon the County of Huntingdon the weekly ſumme of three hundred and thirty pounds.

Upon the County of Lincolne and City of Lincolne, the weekly ſumme of one thouſand two hundred eighteene pounds fifteene ſhillings.

And upon the Iſle of Ely the weekly ſumme of two hundred twenty one pound five ſhillings.

And the ſaid weekly payments are to begin from the firſt day of May in the yeere of our Lord 1644. and ſo to continue weekly for foure moneths next enſuing from the ſaid firſt of May.

And be it further ordained, that every Perſon or Perſons that were to be aſſeſſed or taxed by any former Ordinance of Parliament ſhall be aſſeſſed and taxed by this Ordinance, and ſhall be liable to as great forfeitures and penalties for not paying of the ſumme or ſummes to be aſſeſſed, as they ſhould have beene if the ſame had beene aſſeſſed by vertue of the laſt Ordinance for the weekely payment for the ſaid aſſociation made the 20 of *September* laſt; and the ſeverall reſpective Deputy-lieutenants and Committees named and truſted within the ſaid aſſociation or any part thereof by the ſaid recited Ordinance to take care of the aſſeſſing, collecting or leavying of any moneys are named:

named and intrusted by this Ordinance, and have as full power and authority given them by this Ordinance to nominate and appoint Collectors and Assessors, and to distraine, fine, imprison, or sequester, as they or any of them had by vertue of the said recited Ordinance in all or any part of the said associated Counties. And the severall Collectors shall pay the severall sums by them collected at the place or severall places, where the Earle of *Manchester* and the Committee for the association attending the said Earle shall appoint to the Treasurer or Treasurers to be by them named; which Treasurer or Treasurers are to issue out the moneys received for the purposes aforementioned, according to the warrants or directions of the said Earle of *Manchester* and of any two of the said Committees for the said association, which shall be appointed thereunto by the said Earle, and a full Committee consisting of one for every County at least, and of the Commissary Generall for the time being of the said Earle of Manchester; And that no Moneys be issued out without order under the hands of the said Earle, such two of the said Committee, and the said Commissary Generall, nor yet without the privity of the whole Committee attending the said Earle.

And the said Lords and Commons doe further ordaine, That all Moneys collected, and not disposed of, or to bee collected upon the fifth and twentieth part of mens estate, or of the last three moneths pay, and all the Moneys or other benefit arising by vertue of any Ordinance for the third part

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of the Sequeſtration ſetled upon the Earle of Mancheſter ſhall be payed unto the Treaſurers appointed as aforeſaid, and from thence to iſſue out againe for the intents and purpoſes aforementioned. And the ſaid Earle and Committee for the ſaid Aſſociation have hereby power given them to call all Collectors, Treaſurers, or others that have or are thought to have any of the ſaid Moneys in their hands, to an accompt, and to cauſe the ſaid Moneys in their hands to be payed unto the Treaſurers appointed by the former Ordinance. And if any Collectors, Treaſurers, or others, ſhall refuſe to accompt, or to pay in the Moneys wherewith they are charged, then the ſaid Earle and Committee ſhall fine them double the ſumme charged upon them, which if it be not payed within ſix dayes after the ſum is ſet, and notice thereof left at his or their dwelling houſe, it ſhall be lawfull to diſtraine for the ſame; and if there be not ſufficient diſtreſſe wherewith to ſatisfie, then the ſaid Earle and Committee may impriſon the Offender herein, and ſequeſter his eſtate untill the Money charged, and Fine ſet be levied and payed.

And it is ordained, That ſix pence in the pound ſhall be allowed for every ſumme of Money which ſhall be collected and payed to the ſaid Treaſurer, whereof three pence ſhall be for the Collectors, and three pence for the Treaſurer; And the ſaid Treaſurer ſhall keepe a Regiſter-Booke of the ſeverall ſummes received and payed out by them, and ſhall render an accompt thereof unto the

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ſaid Earle and Committee once every moneth at leaſt.

And be it laſtly ordained, That the ſaid Earle, Deputy-Lieutenants, Committees, Collectors, Aſſeſſors, and every one of them, and every other perſon that ſhall be aiding and aſſiſting to them or any of them in doing any thing by vertue of this Ordinance, ſhall be defended and ſaved harmleſſe therein by authority of both Houſes of Parliament.

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An Additionall

ORDINANCE

OF THE

Lords and Commons

Aſſembled in

PARLIAMENT,

To a former *Ordinance* of the 19. of *February* laſt paſt, granted to divers perſons Of the County of

MIDDLESEX,

Therein named, for putting the ſaid County into a Poſture of Defence, by the better regulating

OF THE

TRAINED BANDS,

And Raiſing other Forces of Horſe and Foot, for the preſervation, defence, and ſafety of the ſaid COUNTIE.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament, That this Ordinance be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

H. Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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